COURSE DETAIL

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology
UCEAP Course Number 135
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS
UCEAP Transcript Title PSY ETHNIC RELATNS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the social psychological aspects of intergroup relations, particularly between majority and minority ethnic groups, although some time is reserved for studying the relationships between religious groups. The literature focuses on theories and empirical research that deal with factors determining mutual perceptions of ethnic groups and the consequences of these perceptions. Ethnic groups define themselves as different from others in terms of real and imagined cultural and historical factors. At the same time real as well as imagined factors play a role in the nature and dynamics of ethnic relations. The course covers general psychological processes but also uses concrete examples of intergroup conflicts to facilitate the understanding of the theories. Literature about self-categorization processes, group belonging and identification, ethnic threat, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination are required. The course considers the main theoretical explanations of negative reactions between ethnic groups and evaluates the empirical evidence. Next to searching for causes of prejudice in the characteristics and perceptions of individuals, the course also examines the role of the wider social context and its implications for social cohesion. Students must have completed a Social Psychology course and a Statistics course as prerequisites for this course.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
UCSSCPSY31

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Host Institution Campus
University College Utrecht

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Psychology

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